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PASS PEACE CORPS

9. KANDAHAR:

AMBASSADOR AND PARTY LEFT FOR KANDAHAR EARLY THURSDAY MORNING. WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT BORDER OF KANDAHAR PROVINCE, AMBASSADOR WAS MET BY COMMANDANT OF POLICE AND MAYOR OF KANDAHAR. AS PARTY ENTERED KANDAHAR THERE WAS AN HONOR GUARD OF POLICE LINING MAIN ROAD. THERE WAS A SHORT BUT FRIENDLY CALL ON NEW GOVERNOR OF KANDAHAR PROVINCE (MOHAMMAD AYUB AZIZ) WHO EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT. DURING COURSE OF FRIENDLY BUT GENERAL CONVERSATION, HE INDICATED WILLINGNESS COOPERATE FULLY IN OBTAINING RIGHT OF WAY FOR KAJAKAI TRANSMISSION LINES. (GOVERNOR AZIZ, WHO SPOKE FLUENT ENGLISH, HAD ONLY BEEN APPOINTED THREE WEEKS EARLIER AND HAD LITTLE SPECIFIC TO SAY ABOUT AFFAIRS OR PROBLEMS OF HIS PROVINCE.)

10 .CALL ON GOVERNOR WAS FOLLOWED BY EXCELLENT LUNCH FEATURING AFGHAN FOOD GIVEN BY PEACE CORPS COLUNTEERS WORKING IN KANDAHAR. FOLLOWING LUNCH AMBASSADOR AND PARTY WERE TAKEN BY MAYOR AND COMMANDANT TO VISIT TOMB OF AHMAD SHAH SURRANI, FOUNDER OF MODERN AFGHANISTAN. AT 1500 HOURS PARTY LEFT KANDAHAR AIRPORT IN ATTACHE PLANE AND RETURNED TO KABUL.

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COMMENT; APART FROM VALUE OF GENERAL ORIENTATION, MEETINGS WITH

SENIOR AFGHAN OFFICIALS, AND SEEING PEACE CORPS AND USAID
ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUND, WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY OF ALL GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS WAS STRIKING. IT WOULD SEEM THAT WORD WAS PASSED TO
"BE NICE TO AMERICANS" AND TO WORK OUT A CLOSE, PROFITABLE WORKING
RELATIONSHIP.

PRESIDENT KESHAWARZ SEEMED EXPERIENCED, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND POSITIVE
IN HIS DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE NEW PROJECT IN THE HELMAND.
MORALE OF HACU DIRECTOR, MR. AMAN, SEEMED GREATLY IMPROVED,
AND HE APPEARED TO BE DEVELOPING A CLOSE, EASY WORKING RELATIONSHIP
WITH NEW PRESIDENT GENERAL OF HAVA. (PREVIOUS REPORTS HAD INDICATED
THAT AMAN WAS NOT GETTING ALONG WITH GOVERNOR PAZHWAKA.) FRIENDLY
AND FRANK AMBIENCE BODES WELL FOR FUTURE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS.
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